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# JEFFORDS ANNOUNCES MOBILE LIBRARY LITERACY GRANT RECIPIENTS

U.S. Senator Jim Jeffords, I-Vt., announced on June 28, 2001, that Newport, Colchester, Lyndonville, Montpelier, and Brattleboro will each benefit from grants that will enable them to develop "mobile library literacy" projects and expand services already in place. This funding was secured by Jeffords through the federal Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and distributed by the Department of Libraries.

"These grants will allow reading, a keystone of education and personal enrichment, to become more accessible in Vermont than ever before," said Jeffords. "Books can transport children to anywhere they want to go and these improved literacy services will transport everything a library offers to wherever it's needed."

"We hope that 'mobile library literacy' will increase these local libraries' effectiveness in meeting the challenge of serving Vermonters in this most rural state in the nation," said Vermont State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane. The grant recipients are:

- Goodrich Memorial Library, Newport \$239,000 for a bookmobile, staff, books, audio and visual media, computer, and software in cooperation with several other area public libraries, literacy and educational organizations, and a bank
- Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester \$220,000 for a new bookmobile, librarian, and materials (including foreign language instruction) in cooperation with local literacy and refugee resettlement organizations
- Cobleigh Public Library, Lyndonville \$184,000 for a new bookmobile, staff, and literacy trainer to expand its program for seven towns year-round
- Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier \$215,000 for a bookmobile and materials to be delivered in cooperation with U-32 High School to six towns
- Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, Brattleboro \$56,000 for staff, materials, and expansion of the current project to year-round status, with special emphasis on serving seniors and teens county-wide

Each recipient will use its funding individually, according to its communities needs. Four of the recipients in Newport, Colchester, Lyndonville, and Montpelier will purchase new bookmobiles, which bring books and other literacy services to areas otherwise underserved by libraries, and add improvements to their present projects. The fifth recipient, in Brattleboro, will use its grant to increase its current project. The average cost of a bookmobile is \$100,000. At the end of July, each grant recipient will develop an outcome and evaluation plan to help assess the results of the bookmobile projects.

The Mobile Library Literacy Project was first proposed by Senator Jeffords in June, 1999, as a way "to bring the local library – and all it has to offer – to the people…[and] extend the walls of the library

beyond their actual boundaries and welcome all Vermonters to be part of the learning community." State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane then wrote a successful proposal to IMLS which awarded the grant as a means to discover if mobile library service is a viable means of serving rural and suburban populations in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The project seeks to provide answers to what the optimal service area/size is for mobile services in a rural state and to demonstrate that small public libraries can successfully and cost effectively provide and sustain such services when partnered with other local and regional organizations and institutions. Amy Howlett, Southeast Regional Librarian, will serve as project consultant, helping the grantees with implementation and, later, dissemination of information to Vermont and other libraries.

# **BROWNELL LIBRARY RECEIVES FIRST VPLF GRANT**

The Freeman family, on behalf of the Freeman Foundation, and State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane, on behalf of the Vermont Public Library Foundation (VPLF), awarded a public library incentive grant of \$142,941 to the Brownell Library at a ceremony on May 22, 2001, in Essex Junction. The library will use the funds to enhance its renovation and expansion project already underway. The VPLF grant will allow the library to add a community room to provide space for a variety of children's and adult programming, as well as provide for an interior staircase and window retrofitting. The Brownell Library is eligible to apply for up to \$399,312 during the two year incentive grant program and expects to apply the remainder of the funds to furnishing the library after construction.

Brownell's was the first grant to be awarded as part of the \$10 million public library incentive grant funded by the Freeman Foundation to improve library effectiveness and community outreach throughout the state. The VPLF will receive the funds over a two year period to supplement local, state, and federal funding for Vermont's public libraries.

The deadline for Year One applications was June 15, 2001, and about 190 public libraries were eligible to apply for funds up to 50% of their total operating income. The minimum grant will be \$5,000 and the maximum will be \$250,000 in each of the two years. A third year of funding based on the increase in local, state, and federal funds raised by each library during the grant period is also under consideration.

Other libraries receiving VPLF grants so far are:

- Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield for library automation and expanded hours of service
- Mount Holly Town Library to hire the library's first paid librarian
- Norman Williams Public Library, Woodstock to expand reference service and public access computing

Members of the VPLF board include McShane, who serves as President; Joan Rahe of Bennington, Vice President; Marianne Kotch, Department of Libraries Director of Public Library Support Services, Secretary/Treasurer; John E. Fothergill, former trustee, Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier; and Bonnie Stewart, President of the Vermont Library Association's Public Library Section. McShane expects that all VPLF grants for Year One will be awarded by late September, 2001. Year Two grants will be awarded after January 1, 2002.

# **BOARD DISCUSSES GEOGRAPHIC NAMES**

The Vermont Board of Libraries, which is charged by statute to name roads and geographic locations in the state, has been actively addressing requests over the last few months. At its June 19, 2001, meeting, it voted unanimously to name Route 7A from East Dorset to Bennington the "Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway." Several representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars testified in behalf of the request, noting

that the road covers terrain very reminiscent of the Korean landscape on which they served and that 2000-2003 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of what has been called by some "The Forgotten War."

At its June meeting, the Board also discussed but did not come to a final conclusion about the naming of a previously unnamed bay on Lake Champlain in the town of Charlotte. Residents of the area petitioned the Board and a representative attended the April meeting, requesting that the Board name the bay so that emergency and rescue workers might have an easier time finding it. They suggested the name "Twilight Bay" in honor of Alexander Twilight. The Board will continue its discussion of this potential name at its August 21 meeting which is to be held in the Rutland Free Library's Nella Grimm Fox Room. The meeting has been moved from its usual location in Berlin so that the Board may hold a public hearing on the naming of Route 109 in Proctor the Crowley Brothers Memorial Highway. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am.

# DEPARTMENT PLANS AUTOMATION WORKSHOPS, DEMOS

Because many medium-to-large-sized public libraries recently submitted Vermont Public Library Incentive grant proposals for library automation, the Department is planning a series of five continuing education sessions in August to help librarians gather information and plan their projects. Sheila Kearns, Information Technology Manager, is coordinating the workshops and demonstrations which will be based on a detailed document which identifies the information public libraries will need to support their request for grant funding.

The workshop sessions will address the crucial elements of the automation process and the evaluation of integrated library automation systems and will offer a series of vendor demonstrations followed by a final question and answer session. The sessions will be held Tues.-Thurs., August 21-23 at the Midstate Regional Library, Berlin, and Tues. and Wed., Aug. 28 and 29 at the Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington. Any library director currently contemplating an automation project is urged to attend. For more information, call Kearns at 828-3261.

# FOR FUTURE REFERENCE...

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### **Interlibrary Loan Tips...**

- Regional libraries help non-VALS public and school libraries with interlibrary loan. When a regional library ILL request includes another library's name or VUC symbol, mail the ILL material there. When only MRL or NERL are mentioned, mail the ILL material to the regional library. When you send interlibrary loan replies to the regional libraries, please include the regional library request number and the author or main entry for the material you are sending. For example:

   M-6-31-C39
   Smith
   Sent
- The University of Vermont Bailey/Howe Library does not circulate books from its "popular reading" collection. Other books in the "main" collection circulate three months after they are added to the library.
- When you request from Middlebury College or the Vermont State Colleges, send a separate email message for each requested item. Also, include the requested item's full call number.
- When you request from DOL\_ILL, send as many requests in the same message as you wish.
- When you need information, but cannot locate a source, send a request for information to DOL\_ILL. Begin with a request number, describe what you need as fully as possible and say where which sources you have already tried.

• When you need several items from the same library, request them all on the same day so they can be mailed in the same package.

## Copyright Free...

When you borrow microfilm and your patron makes copies, you do not need to keep track of these copies for copyright law compliance. Borrowing microfilm is like borrowing a book. It is the patron's responsibility to comply with copyright law for any copying.

You are also free to make copies from the OCLC 1stSearch or InfoTrac without concern for copyright law compliance. Your use and use by library patrons falls under the VT Dept. of Libraries licensing agreements.

#### Reference Notes...

An updated version of the Basic Reference web site is available at <a href="http://dol.state.vt.us/www/refbib/refweb.htm">http://dol.state.vt.us/www/refbib/refweb.htm</a>

Vermont public library web sites are alive and well. The Public Library Reference Librarians' (PLRL) met at the Midstate Regional Library June 12, 2001, to survey a dozen of these library web sites, finding many good ideas. If your library needs a web site, there are lots of examples to choose from at <a href="http://dol.state.vt.us/www\_root/000000/html/plib.html">http://dol.state.vt.us/www\_root/000000/html/plib.html</a>. PLRL will meet next in early November to discuss cooperative reference purchases, email reference and how to provide reference service training. Join us!

# \*\*AVAILABLE...\*\*

#### Resources...

...Public Library Assn.'s "Top Titles for Adult New Readers" annual list, offering suggestions for core collections with high appeal in terms of content, format, and illustrations – in the May/June, 2001, issue of <u>Public Libraries</u> magazine.

...The National Center for Education Statistics' Academic Library Peer Comparison Tool, which offers information on any of the approximately 3,600 academic libraries in the U.S. and also allows users to customize a peer group for comparison purposes. The new application is available at <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/academicpeer/">http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/academicpeer/</a>

...BOARD CAFÉ, a newsletter exclusively for members of nonprofit boards of directors." Short enough to read over a cup of iced coffee," [it] offers a menu of ideas, opinion, news, and resources to help board members give and get the most out of board service. Co-published by CompassPoint Nonprofit Services and the National Center for Nonprofit Boards, you can read it online at <a href="http://www.boardcafe.org">http://www.boardcafe.org</a>.

#### Grants...

...Ezra Jack Keats Foundation minigrants of up to \$350 each to public libraries interested in sponsoring imaginative "programs to excite children about reading and learning." Deadline: September 15, 2001. For more information send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Deborah Pope, Ezra Jack Keats Fdn., 450 14<sup>th</sup> St., Brooklyn, NY 11215.

## Continuing Education...

...Only rarely does the annual New England Library Conference come to Vermont, and this year is our lucky year. NELA will be held at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center Sunday, Sept. 30 through Tuesday, October 2 and will feature a host of useful, mind-expanding programs. Programs for trustees are all planned for Sunday afternoon and evening, while librarians from libraries of all types will find inspiration and ideas all three days. A wide array of vendor displays will keep you up to date on library automation, reference materials, processing supplies, etc. For more information, contact NELA at (508) 685-5966 or visit <a href="http://www.nelibs.org">http://www.nelibs.org</a>.

...The Vermont Historical Records Advisory Board is sponsoring three one-day workshops for libraries, historical societies, and museums:

- The Identification and Care of Photographs September 12, 2001 in Shelburne and September 13, 2001 in North Bennington
- Digital Archives: An Introductory Workshop September 19, 2001 in Randolph Center
- Digital Archives: An Intermediate Workshop October 30, 2001 in Randolph Center

Registration fee is \$25/person for each day, with a maximum of 25 people per workshop. Bring a brown bag lunch. For details, see <a href="http://vermont-archives.org/boards/vhrab/workshops.html">http://vermont-archives.org/boards/vhrab/workshops.html</a>. To register contact Louise Corliss, Vermont State Archives, 828-2863 or lcorliss@sec.state.vt.us

## \*COMING EVENTS\*

Wed., August 1, 9:30 am – "Filing without Tears" workshop, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Repeats: Fri., August 3, 9:30 am, Butterfield Library, Westminster. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Tues., Aug. 7, 9:30 am – "Policymaking for Children's Services" workshop, Norwich Public Library. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Thurs., Aug. 16 – State holiday. Department of Libraries central offices and regional libraries closed.

Tues., Aug. 21, 10:30 am – Board of Libraries meeting, Fox Room, Rutland Free Library. Contact: Sybil Brigham McShane, 828-3265.

Tues., Aug. 21, 9:30 am – Automation planning workshop, MRL, Berlin. Continues Wed. & Thurs., Aug. 22 & 23 at MRL and Tues. & Wed., Aug. 28 & 29 at Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington. Contact: Sheila Kearns, 828-3261.

Mon.-Fri., Aug. 27-31, 9:30 am each day – "Basic Public Library Administration" workshop, MRL Berlin. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Mon., Sept. 3 – State holiday. Department of Libraries central offices and regional libraries closed.

Wed., Sept. 5, 9:30 am – "Picture Book Story Hours" workshop, Aldrich Public Library, Barre. Continues Fri., 9/7, and Wed., Sept. 12. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Fri., Sept. 7, 9:00 am – "Booked for Breakfast" meeting, Ilsley Public Library, Middlebury. Contact: Carol Chatfield, 388-4095.

Wed,. Sept. 12, 9:00 am – Chittenden County Librarians meeting, Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston. Contact: Rickie Emerson, 878-4918.

Thurs., Sept. 13, 10:00 am – Rutland County Librarians meeting, Poultney Public Library. Contact: Daphne Bartholomew, 287-5556.

Thurs., Sept. 13, 9:30 am - Children's Librarians' Fall Meeting, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Plan next summer's reading program! Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Fri., Sept. 14, 9:30 am – Public Library Directors Quarterly Forum, MRL, Berlin. Topics for discussion: ready reference, budgeting. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320.

Fri., Sept. 21, 9:30 am – Franklin-Grand Isle Librarians meeting, Haston Library, Franklin. Contact: Brenda Stanley, 285-6505.

Wed., Sept. 26, 9:30 am – Children's Programming workshop, Brown Public Library, Northfield. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Sun.-Tues., Sept. 30-Oct. 2 – New England Library Conference, Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, Burlington, VT. Programs, exhibits, and inspiration for librarians and trustees region-wide. Contact Barry Blaisdell, NELA executive director, (508) 685-5966, or visit <a href="http://www.nelibs.org/">http://www.nelibs.org/</a>

Tues., Oct. 16, 10:30 am – Board of Libraries meeting, MRL, Berlin. Contact: Sybil Brigham McShane, 828-3265.

Thurs., Oct. 25, 9:30 am – Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award ceremony, Vermont Technical College, Randolph. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

# YOUTH SERVICES NEWS

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#### Born to Read...

We are now in the second year of the Born to Read program! As I announced previously, babies will continue to receive, at their 6 month well baby visit, a package of materials including a coupon to take to their public library for a copy of the board book, MAX'S BATH by Rosemary Wells. I hope all of you are finding it to be a success in your community. Please remember to keep publicizing the program, and to keep in touch with the local physicians' offices. I have just sent evaluation forms for this program to all public libraries. Please fill out the form for the second half of the first year (January, 2001-June, 2001) and send it back to me by July 31, 2001. The second one is for the entire second year (July, 2001-June, 2002), and should be used to keep track of books as you give them out. The deadline for that one isn't until July 15, 2002.

Many librarians have requested second, or even third batches of the free books. Please let us know when you are running out so we can get more to you before the next family comes in for their book. A reminder to those towns on the borders: families who live in Vermont but go to a physician in another state, are still entitled to the whole packet. If you have such a family in your community, just send me their name and address, and we will have a packet shipped right out.

### Children's Librarians Fall Meeting...

Don't miss the annual gathering to plan summer reading programs and network with other children's librarians! This year the meeting will be on Thursday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the Midstate Regional Library in Berlin. We will plan our 2002 program, "Travel Far, Pay No Fare," and choose a theme for 2003. Anyone who works with children in a public library is welcome to attend. The meeting will last until noon, but we invite you to bring a lunch and continue the sharing while you munch.

#### Fall Materials Review Sessions...

Need help finding new good books for children and young adults? Then come to our twice-a-year Materials Review Sessions. These book review programs, co-sponsored by the Departments of Libraries and Education, feature oral reviews of books for babies through young adults. In addition to the oral reviews, there are hundreds of other books for you to examine. The dates and locations for the next series are:

Tuesday, November 6 Midstate Regional Library, Berlin

Wednesday, Nov. 7 Milton Public Library

Thursday, Nov. 8 Northeast Regional Library, St. Johnsbury Wednesday, Nov. 14 Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington Thursday, Nov. 15 Butterfield Library, Westminster

All sessions begin at 9:00 and last approximately 4 hours. No registration is necessary; just come! If you need directions, give us a call. Please feel free to take your lunch and eat during or after the program.

## **Dorothy Canfield Fisher News...**

2001 winner: The winner of the 2001 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award is Christopher Paul Curtis for BUD, NOT BUDDY (Delacorte, 1999). Mr. Curtis will be coming to Vermont on Thursday, October 25 to receive his award and speak to some of his fans. In September, we will send out invitations to all libraries and schools that voted. The ceremony, to be held in Randolph at the Vermont Technical College, will include the acceptance speech, a time for children to ask questions and answers, and a booksale. The top ten books this year were:

AUTHOR	TITLE	VOTES
1. Curtis, Christopher Paul	BUD, NOT BUDDY	434
2. Gantos, Jack	JACK ON THE TRACKS	284
3. Anderson, Laurie Halse	SPEAK	255
4. Vande Velde, Vivian	NEVER TRUST A DEAD MAN	232
5. Bodett, Tom	WILLIWAW	215
6. Holm, Jennifer L.	OUR ONLY MAY AMELIA	188
7. Holt, Kimberly Willis	WHEN ZACHARY BEAVER	171
	CAME TO TOWN	
8. Cooper, Susan	KING OF SHADOWS	161
9. Haas, Jessie	UNBROKEN	158
10. Bartlett, Susan	SEAL ISLAND SCHOOL	129

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*DCF Manual:* This summer the manual is being updated and revamped. The biggest change is that we will feature several of the books with information/activity pages similar to the ones in the Red Clover manual. This was a suggestion from many of you to make the manual more user-friendly. In September we will mail a copy of the new manual to all schools and public libraries. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Lavalla Grants: There will be no Lavalla Grants this year, because that money is being used for the copying and distribution of the new manual. This way everyone will benefit from this fund, not just a few.

Committee opening: There will be one three-year opening on the DCF committee beginning in March 2002. Please let interested parents, teachers and community members know about this opportunity. Applicants should send a letter of interest, a brief resume and two reviews, one positive, and one negative, of any children's books of their choosing, to: Grace W. Greene, Children's Services Consultant, Vermont Department of Libraries, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609. Deadline: October 1, 2001.

*New bookmarks:* We have updated the DCF bookmarks with the two latest winners. If you would like a bunch for your school or public library, just let us know.

## Red Clover Update...

2001 Winner: Almost 25,000 children in grades K-4 voted for the Red Clover Award this year, and chose BARK, GEORGE by Jules Feiffer (HarperCollins, 1999) as the winner. The totals for each book are as follows:

AUTHOR	TITLE	VOTES
Feiffer, Jules.	BARK, GEORGE	5,506
Fleischman, Paul	WESLANDIA	5,285
Stevenson, James.	DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH	4,951
Marcellino, Fred.	I, CROCODILE	2,480
Aylesworth, Jim.	THE FULL BELLY BOWL	2,323
Wiesner, David.	SECTOR 7	1,609
Sturges, Philemo n.	THE LITTLE RED HEN MAKES A PIZZA	929
Taback, Simms.	JOSEPH HAD A LITTLE OVERCOAT	887
Theroux, Phyllis.	SEREFINA UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES	417
Diakite, Baba Wague.	THE HATSELLER AND THE MONKEYS	337

Conference: Unfortunately, Mr. Feiffer will be unable to come to Vermont to receive his award, but the annual conference will feature many ideas for using the new books and participating in the program. Mark your calendars now for Monday, September 24th at Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee. The keynote speaker will be Anita Silvey, author, critic and most recently, publisher of children's books at Houghton Mifflin. Ms. Silvey will talk about the history of the picture book, and how to evaluate picture books. The Vermont Center for the Book will send out conference registration information later this summer. Committee opening: There is one opening on the Red Clover committee for the term beginning next year. If you are interested in reading and discussing picture books, helping to choose the annual list, participating in workshops and conferences, and working with a fabulous group of people, please submit a letter of interest, a resume, and two reviews of picture books, one positive and one negative, to Sally Anderson at the Vermont Center for the Book, 256 Haywood Road, Chester, VT 05143 by December 15. To find out more about the responsibilities of committee members, consult your Red Clover guide. If you do not have a guide, contact the Vermont Center for the Book at 875-2751.

#### Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards...

The winners of this year's Globe/Horn Book awards are as follows

Fiction and Poetry: Carver: A Life in Poems by Marilyn Nelson (Front Street)

**Nonfiction:** The Longitude Prize by Joan Dash and illustrated by Dusan Petricic

(Foster/Farrar)

Picture Book: Cold Feet by Cynthia DeFelice and illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker

(DK Ink)

The judges also named two honor books in each category:

**Fiction and Poetry:** Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath (Farrar)

Troy by Adèle Geras (Harcourt)

**Nonfiction:** Rocks in His Head by Carol Otis Hurst, illustrated by James Stevenson

(Greenwillow)

Uncommon Traveler: Mary Kingsley in Africa, written and illustrated by

Don Brown (Houghton)

Picture Book: Five Creatures by Emily Jenkins and illustrated by Tomek Bogacki

(Foster/Farrar)

The Stray Dog retold and illustrated by Marc Simont (HarperCollins)

## Vermont Author and Illustrator List...

With the help of many librarians around the state, I have updated the list of Vermont authors and illustrators of children's books. If you would like a hard copy, please call or email Jenn Weed at 828-3261; cbec@dol.state.vt.us. If your email can accept attachments, and you would like a copy sent electronically, email me directly.

## Teen Read Week, October 14-20...

This year's theme, "Make Reading a Hobbit," celebrates the popularity of fantasy literature with teens. As part of the week, SEVENTEEN magazine, a corporate sponsor, will encourage teens to read to younger children. Librarians are encouraged to participate by planning a teen-led read-aloud on October 20, preferably during story hours. For more information, see the Young Adult Library Services Association's Teen Read Week Web site: www.ala.org/teenread.

## The Godfrey Award For Excellence in Public Library Services for Families and Children...

A new award that will promote and recognize excellence in programming for young children and families has been announced by the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Woman's University. The award will be \$2,500 and a sculpture appropriate for public display. Nominated public libraries must offer a program which features: design specifically to meet the needs of young children and families; ingenuity, imagination, innovation and creativity; responsiveness in the number of individuals and/or groups served. Deadline: August 15, 2001. See:www.libraryschool.net/godfreyaward.htm for more information.

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